

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 COPENH 00563 270959Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 TRSE-00  
SSM-03 EB-08 OMB-01 PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 PA-01  
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /083 W  
-----051546 271004Z /15

O R 251655Z JAN 78 ZDK  
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5810  
INFO EC COLLECTIVE  
USMISSION USNATO  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO 143  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 0563

USEEC ALSO FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS/ XF, EEC, US, DA  
SUBJ: US-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: READ OUT ON MIDDLE-EAST EXPERTS  
MEEEEING, COPENHAGEN, JANUARY 24-25

REF: COPENHAGEN 0228

1. DANISH CHAIRMAN OF THE EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS GROUP BENT HAA-  
KONSEN PROVIDED US LATE THIS AFTERNOON WITH A READ OUT ON THE GROUP'S  
MEETING WHICH WENT OVER INTO AN UNPLANNED SECOND DAY. THE EXPERTS  
PRODUCED TWO DOCUMENTS. THE FIRST (AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE  
POSITIONS OF VARIOUS PARTIES IN THE MID-EAST) WILL BE FORWARDED  
TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS FEBRUARY 7-8  
MEETING HERE. THE SECOND (PROPOSED REPLY TO SADAT'S LETTERS) WILL  
BE TAKEN BY THE EXPERTS TO CAPITALS FOR APPROVAL AT MINISTERIAL  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 COPENH 00563 270959Z

LEVEL.

2. REFTEL NOTED THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AT ITS JANUARY 10-11  
MEETING COMMISSIONED THE EXPERTS TO MAKE A STUDY OF VARIOUS  
ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE-EAST. HAAKONSEN  
COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FINAL PRODUCT, WHICH WAS BASED CLOSELY  
ON TWO DANISH DRAFTS, IS RELATIVELY SHORT IT REQUIRED A GOOD

DEAL OF WORK.

3. THE STUDY ESSENTIALLY COMPARES THE POSITION OF VARIOUS PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MID-EAST WITH THE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS MADE BY THE NINE ON OCTOBER 13, 1973 AND JUNE 29, 1977. A PARTICULARLY CLOSE AND ANALYTICAL LOOK IS FOCUSED ON THE BEGIN PLAN AND WHERE IT IS COMPATIBLE WITH AND DIFFERS FROM EC NINE POSITIONS. BRIEF ATTENTION IN THIS PAPER IS ALSO GIVEN TO A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS ON THE MID-EAST STAGE OTHER THAN THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELIS. THIS INCLUDES THE US, THE SOVIETS, THE PLO AND OTHER REJECTIONISTS, THE MIDDLEMEN, SUCH AS JORDAN AND THE SAUDIS, ETC.

4. HAAKONSEN STRESSED THAT THE PAPER IS NOT AN ACTION DOCUMENT AND MAKES NO PROPOSALS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. IT ATTEMPTS TO BE DISPASSIONATE IN THE ANALYSIS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. THE SECOND ITEM DEALT WITH BY THE MID-EAST EXPERTS IS A DRAFT REPLY TO LETTERS RECEIVED FROM SADAT. AGAIN, THE DANES PRODUCED TWO DRAFTS - ONE YES-TERDAY AND, AFTER DISCUSSION WITH OTHERS IN THE NINE, A NEW SHORTER ONE THIS MORNING.

6. HAAKONSEN SET OUT THE FOLLOWING MECHANICS SURROUNDING THE SADAT LETTERS AND THE REPLY. HE NOTED THAT BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDHANS RECEIVED A LETTER SHORTLY BEFORE THE BELGIANS RELIN-CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 COPENH 00563 270959Z

QUISHED THE PRESIDENCY. THE DANES HAVE INHERITED THAT LETTER AND, IN ADDITION, DANISH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN RECEIVED HIMSELF A VERY SIMILAR LETTER ON DECEMBER 2 FROM SADAT.

7. THE AGREED EXPERTS DRAFT WILL NOW BE EXAMINED BY MINISTERS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF BOTH ITS SUBSTANCE AND ITS TIMING. HAAKONSEN SAID THAT HE HOPES HE WILL HAVE RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS FROM THE CAPITALS OF THE OTHER EIGHT BY "THIS WEEKEND."

8. HAAKONSEN OBSERVED THAT HE HAD NO MANDATE TO REVEAL THE TEXT OF THE LETTER NOW. BUT HE DID RECALL THAT THE SADAT LETTERS REALLY DIDN'T ASK FOR THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE NINE OR ASK THAT THE NINE TAKE ANY INITIATIVES IN THE MID-EAST. SADAT SIMPLY SET OUT HIS WELL-KNOWN VIEW OF THE SITUATION AND THE POSITION OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

9. IN REFERRING TO THE EXPERTS' DRAFT REPLY, HAAKONSEN DID INDICATE THAT IT CONTAINED REFERENCES TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLIC POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE NINE AND TO THE EXISTING UN RESOLUTIONS

DEAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MEETING REPORTS, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 25 jan 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978COPENH00563  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780040-0741  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** COPENHAGEN USEEC  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780126/aaaaavgj.tel  
**Line Count:** 115  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** b7d2a1e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 COPENHAGEN 228  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 16 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3718843  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** US-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: READ OUT ON MIDDLE-EAST EXPERTS MEEEEING, COPENHAGEN, JANUARY 24-25  
**TAGS:** PDEV, XF, US, DA, EEC  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/b7d2a1e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014